## CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION 284 SOUTH AVENUE POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601

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Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

## Re: Filing to Implement Metering Fee

Dear Commissioners:

The tariff leaves set forth below are filed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson" or the "Company") on June 23, 2010 to become effective October 1, 2010.

## P.S.C. No. 15 – Electricity

12<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 184.2.1 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 202.2 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Leaf No. 267.2

The purpose of this filing is to implement a metering fee for customers taking service under Service Classification Nos. 2, 3 and 13 who, per existing tariff provisions, are required to provide a dedicated phone line, and whose phone line is not operational for any reason when the Company attempts to read the meter.

Based on current billing rates and read time estimates from the Company's meter department, it is estimated that the Company would incur a cost of \$95 to read an interval meter if a meter tester is present on the customer's premises or a stop can be scheduled on the tester's current route, while the Company would incur a cost of \$190 if a meter tester is sent to a customer's premises only to do a reading. The Company believes the former of these costs will be significant enough to persuade customers to install or repair the required phone line and as such the Company proposes to implement a charge of \$95 per monthly cycle until the condition is corrected.

Since the Company plans to notify all affected customers of the proposed changes, the Company requests that the requirements of §66((12)(b)) of the Public Service Law as to newspaper publication be waived.

Questions related to this filing should be directed to Stacy Powers at (845) 486-5815.

Yours very truly,

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